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SUBJ: PUBLISHER OF ESTIA DIES

1. ESTIA (ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE AND USUALLY SUPPORTIVE OF MILITARY REGIME) PUBLISHER KYROS KYROU DIED APRIL 8 AT AGE OF 74. HE WAS LAST OF THREE BROTHERS WHO SHARED JOINTLY IN PROPRIETORSHIP OF ESTIA. HIS SON NOW IS LEGATEE OF ATHENS MOST OPINIONATED AND OFTEN IRRESPONSIBLE NEWSPAPER. THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE EDITORIAL POLICY WILL SHIFT (ANTI-COMMUNIST, OFTEN ANTI-AMERICAN, ANTI-FOREIGN, AND ANTI-SEMITIC).

2. PAO REPRESENTED EMBASSY AT ATHENS CATHEDRAL FUNERAL SERVICES FOR KYROU APRIL 10. AMONG MANY WREATHS WAS ONE FROM BRITISH EMBASSY. OFFICIAL GOG REPRESENTATIVE WAS UNDERSECRETARY FOR PRESS KARACOSTAS, ALTHOUGH MINISTER OF CULTURE TSAKONAS ALSO PRESENT BUT ON SIDELINES.

3. MOST PROMINENT WERE PAPADOPOULOS REGIME OFFICIALS SUCH AS FORMER DEPUTY PM PATTAKOS, FORMER MINISTER OF JUSTICE TSOUKALAS AND FORMER UNDERSECRETARY FOR PRESS STAMATOPOULOS. ALSO PRESENT WERE FORMER CU DEPUTIES GEORGE MELAS AND P. VARDINOYANNIS, FORMER PM STEPHANOPOULOS AND MANY APOSTATES.

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4. EULOGISTS INCLUDED P. TROUMBOUNIS, PRESIDENT OF JOURNALISTS UNION WHO REVIEWED KYROU'S LIFE AND JOURNALISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON KYROU'S LONG-TIME SUPPORT OF THE CYPRIOT CAUSE AND AN OFFICIAL OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE STRUGGLE FOR ENOSIS (ESEA) NAMED VASSILIADES, WHO SPOKE EMOTIONALLY OF KYROU'S SUPPORT FOR ENOSIS. SLOGANS OF THE CYPRUS RESERVE OFFICER CORPS WERE READ BY AN UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER OF GROUP. COFFIN WAS "GUARDED" BY FOUR OLIVE-DRAB GARBED YOUNG MEN IDENTIFIED ONLY AS "CYPRIOT FIGHTERS."

5. ALTHOUGH ONLY PUBLISHER SEEN WAS GEORGE ATHANASSIADES OF STILL SHUT-DOWN VRADYNI, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT PUBLISHERS BOTSIS OF ACROPOLIS AND LAMBRAKIS OF VIME, RESPECTIVELY PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF PUBLISHERS UNION, SIGNED A UNION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 25,000 DRACHMA GRANT TO THE JOURNALISTS FUND AND ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL AWARD IN KYROU'S NAME OF 50,000 DRACHMAS FOR THE BEST BOOK ON JOURNALISM. BRANDIN

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